

2024 SBRMGA MATCH PLAY

RULES OF COMPETITION

The tournament will be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf for MATCH PLAY.

1. Concessions may be made on the opponent's next stroke, hole, or match, but a concession is only made when it is clearly communicated. A concession is final and cannot be withdrawn.

2. If you know or believe that your opponent has breached a rule that has a penalty you may act on the breach or choose to ignore it. If you or your opponent deliberately agree to ignore a breach or penalty you both know applies, you are both disqualified.

3. If there is a disagreement on a ruling, players must announce to the opponent before teeing off on the next hole. A decision will be made by the Tournament committee at the end of eighteen holes. **No right to play two balls.** A player who is uncertain about the right procedure in a match is not allowed to play out the hole with two balls.

4. Player who is away plays first on every shot. FAILURE TO DO SO DOES NOT CAUSE A PENALTY BUT THE OPPONENT MAY REQUIRE THAT THE STROKE BE REPLAYED. HOWEVER, IN THE SPIRIT OF PACE OF PLAY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO AGREE TO PLAY READY GOLF AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR ROUND.

5. Wrong ball rule...in match play the first player to hit a wrong ball loses the hole. If the players discover the problem late in play on the hole, they may not be able to determine who hit the wrong ball first...hole is then halved.

6. Playing from the wrong place is loss of hole penalty.

7. Local Rule regarding taking a 2 stroke penalty and playing the ball from the fairway for a lost or out of bounds ball is not in effect for this tournament.

Stroke and distance is the only option available. Remember a Ball is Lost after a three-minute search.

8. Lost Ball - Remember a ball is lost after a 3 minute search.

9. The 14-club rule is in effect. Count your clubs before play begins. The penalty is a match-adjustment penalty. For each hole during which a player had too many clubs in the bag that player loses the hole-up to a maximum of two holes.